

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 12, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 13-15 dependent thereon. The independent claim(s) is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of the dependent claims and the application will be allowed with claim(s) 16-21. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

If a reply is filed, withdrawn claims 1-11 should be canceled. If no reply is filed within the given time period, claims 1-15 will be canceled and claims 16-21 will be allowed by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tracy Dove whose telephone number is 571-272-1285. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday (9:00-6:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pat Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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